

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSES FOR NURSING; AMENDING SECTION 54-1407, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO QUALIFY FOR A PRACTICAL NURSING LICENSE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-1408, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO QUALIFY FOR A PROFESSIONAL NURSING LICENSE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1407, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1407. LICENSE FOR PRACTICAL NURSING. (1) Qualifications. To qualify for a license to practice practical nursing a person must:

(a) Have successfully completed the basic curriculum of an approved ~~eleven (11) month~~ practical nursing education program or its equivalent; and

(b) Satisfy one (1) of the following requirements:

(i) Pass an examination adopted and used by the board to measure knowledge and judgment essential for the safe practice of practical nursing; or

(ii) ~~h~~Have a practical nursing license in good standing, without restriction or limitation, issued upon successful similar examination, approved by the board, conducted in another state, territory or foreign country; or

(iii) Have a practical nursing license in good standing, without restriction or limitation, issued by another state, territory or foreign country and meet established board requirements; and

(c) Be of sufficiently sound physical and mental health as will not impair or interfere with the ability to practice nursing.

(2) Fees. A qualified applicant shall be entitled to a license to practice practical nursing upon payment of a license fee to the board in an amount designated by the board not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

SECTION 2. That Section 54-1408, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1408. LICENSE FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSING. (1) Qualifications. To qualify for a license to practice professional nursing, a person must:

(a) Have successfully completed the basic curriculum of an approved professional nursing education program or its equivalent; and

(b) Satisfy one (1) of the following requirements:

(i) Pass an examination adopted and used by the board to measure knowledge and judgment essential for the safe practice of professional nursing; or

1           (ii) ~~h~~Have a professional or registered nurse license in good standing, without  
2           restriction or limitation, issued upon successful similar examination, approved by  
3           the board, conducted in another state, territory or foreign country; or

4           (iii) Have a professional or registered nurse license in good standing, without  
5           restriction or limitation, issued by another state, territory or foreign country and  
6           meet established board requirements; and

7           (c) Be of sufficiently sound physical and mental health as will not impair or interfere  
8           with the ability to practice nursing.

9           (2) Fees. A qualified applicant shall be entitled to a license to practice professional  
10          nursing upon payment of a license fee to the board in an amount designated by the board not to  
11          exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).